

Thank you for holding the public hearing in Seattle on this issue. I believe it is your duty, as the FCC, to create public venues for discussion on topics like deregulation. The public voice should be

Corporate control over our public media sources is THE MOST IMPORTANT topic of conversation among my family, friends, and neighbors. Even above the pressing war in Iraq, is the common fear of misinformation and miscommunication that we must, as a nation, address at once.

A transition is occurring where "alternative" media is not so alternative any more... and the mainstream media is no longer representing the majority of my community.

I am also disappointed that the entire commission was not in attendance. This gives a strong message to those of us who did attend. It is also unfortunate that these historical hearings are not being held in more locations and accessible to a wider diversity of concerned citizens around the country.

Communication between independant people within local systems is necessary for further development of a social species. We are living in special times, not only in an age with increasing technological advancements, but also in an age of rapidly increasing enlightenment due to the wide accessibility of information. We are entering a transition that could be comparable to the renaissance period, but our development in collective consciousness is being hindered by the lack of venues and opportunities that allow this progression to naturally flower into full fruition (from the bottom-up, not the top-down). We have to stop excessively watering the money trees on Wall Street and start caring for the little roots of grass that make our true American landscape. This can only occur with public-backed regulations that benefit the greater whole, not a wealthy few.

And the greater whole is not just our country, but has, over time, become our planet. The U.S. has extreme influence over almost every other culture and country around the globe. The FCC is serving not only our nation's people, but through a domino effect, the entire human species. We, as a country, must lead by example.

It was suggested at the Seattle meeting that citizens give details of what they would like to read, see and hear in our media sources. Here is a list of important elements and suggestions that I have for making positive change:

- \* Cut at least 50% of the negative, violence-related reporting
- \* Replace with reporting on local independant and community events (art, volunteer projects, public school/university projects, etc)
- \* Discussion/play of local artists, poets, and musicians
- \* Updates on local to global government issues that directly impact the working class, not the upper class
- \* Updates on local to global non-profit, non-governmental, grass-

roots organizations

- \* Objective reporting that looks at America's issues from a global multi-perspective

- \* Some of the most important issues that should be covered in more depth:

- Corporate Accountability
  - Corporate Control over Media
  - Corporate ties to the U.S. government

- \* Diverse play-lists, where at least 50% of the artists are on independent and/or local labels

- \* MORE REGULATIONS that help to maintain diversity and open communication

It is the FCC's duty to protect our public airwaves and media sources.

I thank Commissioner Copps for recognizing this tremendous responsibility and would like the Commission to be reassured that for every voice heard in Seattle on March 7th... there are at least a thousand others that support your efforts to provide a setting where public opinion can be heard on the issue of corporate ownership and seriously considered.